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FIRST TIME PERFORMERS - Beginners Aiden Barstad, Jasmine Merkel and Walker Phillips took to the stage in the Poltava Steps with senior dancer Shaylyn Klatt at their first-ever Malanka Showcase.

Vicki Brooker photo

Another magnificent Malanka

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's favourite storytelling gypsy, Marushka, predicted the onset of spring soon to come as she welcomed Saturday's audience to the Elk Point Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club's 38th annual Malanka celebration.

This year's celebration, she said, was a joint effort of the Elk Point Allied Arts and the dance club, with everyone enjoying a tremendous buffet of traditional Ukrainian dishes before settling back to enjoy the showcase presented by 21 talented young dancers.

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Town swears in new Bylaw Enforcement Officer

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point has a new bylaw enforcement officer. Tammy Goddu was sworn in by CAO Ken Gwozdz at the Jan. 13 meeting, replacing Kristen Burton in that position.

The Christmas and New Year's holidays have just ended, but Elk Point Town Council is already preparing for next year's holiday break, and studied what provisions the Town and County of St. Paul make for staff breaks. Council agreed to get further input from those jurisdictions and the Elk Point Public Works department before making a decision.

The county currently closes their office at noon on Christmas eve and remains closed until Jan. 2, along with their public works department and transfer station employees, using up to two paid 'floater days', depending which day of

the week the holidays fall on, and employees are allowed to bank hours or use vacation days to cover the other days off. If they do not have banked time or vacation days, it is mandatory that they stay home without pay. Gwozdz learned from his research.

The Town of St. Paul administration office was closed Dec. 24 through 27 and Jan. 1, with their public works office closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 1, although garbage services were running Dec. 24, 27, 30 and 31.

Council noted that the full week of closure would not work in Elk Point, because a number of ratepayers choose to pay their property taxes right up to the close of business on Dec. 31, to avoid penalties. The town office is currently closed on Christmas, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, with a floating day before Christmas or after Boxing Day determined

by the CAO. This year, the town office closed at noon on Dec. 25, but was open on Dec. 27, 30 and 31 until the regular closing time, and one public works employee was on call on the statutory holidays in case of emergency.

Library Bylaw

The administration is continuing the lengthy task of updating the town's bylaws, and brought the Library Bylaw passed in November of 1985 to council, recommending that a new Library Bylaw be drafted to reflect current regulations. Coun. Debra McQuinn, who along with Coun. Tim Smereka, represents town council on the Elk Point Municipal Library Board, told council that the board is currently finalizing an update of their bylaws, and council agreed to table the matter until that update is complete, bringing the town's bylaw back to the table in late March.



OATH OF OFFICE - Town of Elk Point CAO Ken Gwozdz administers the Oath of Office to new Bylaw Enforcement Officer Tammy Goddu at the Jan. 12 council meeting.

Vicki Brooker photo

Family Resource Network

Council received a letter from the Town of Bonnyville expressing interest in becoming the Family Resource Network regional hub. The Town of Bonnyville FCSS and Town of St. Paul FCSS are working

together on an attempt to continue receiving children's services under the Family Resource Network model which currently provides Parent Link services, scheduled to be discontinued in March.

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Town council

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Deputy Mayor Terri Hampson indicated that the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS will support Bonnyville's efforts but will not be one of the 'spokes' offering services, as Elk Point already has a playschool and mom and tot programs that offer similar support to young children. Council agreed to send a letter of support in principle.

MSI funding

Alberta Municipal Affairs has advised council that the town will receive an additional \$19,461 in Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding from the 2019 budget, \$9,429 under the MSI component and \$10,032 under the Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMTG) component, bringing Elk Point's total capital funding for the 2019 program year to \$298,513, with MSI operating funding remaining unchanged at \$27,457.

MSI is scheduled for a nine per cent drop in 2020 and another drop in 2021 before MSI is replaced by the Local Government Fiscal Framework in 2022, with the cities of Edmonton and Calgary receiving more than half of the total funding, and the rest divided between all the other municipalities in the province. Mayor Lorne Young said he feels that discovering "what we get will be interesting."

Go East

A request from the Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce to share in the funding of advertising in the Go East of Edmonton travel guide was approved in the amount of \$100.

Fire service training

Council directed administration to send a letter of support to Town of St. Paul Fire Chief Trevor Kotowich supporting the Fire Service Training Grant

application, which benefits the Elk Point Fire Department who participate in the training efforts, with six members of the department obtaining their National Fire Protection Association 10-01 Level 1 certification in the past year, and to obtain training in the local area without traveling long distances or taking time off from work.

Police funding

Examples of how policing funding could be calculated using population figures, and equalized assessment, modified by the crime severity index, shadow population and no detachment subsidy for municipalities which don't have a RCMP detachment were distributed to council. With these calculations, Elk Point's cost for this year could amount to an estimated \$25,661, with increases in subsequent years, and it has been indicated that the amount would not be invoiced until January 2021.

Highway 41

Council agreed to request that the Region Transportation District consider repair of the troughing and separation cracks in Highway 41 from the North Saskatchewan River the Highway 29 junction.

AUMA President's Summit

Mayor Young and CAO Gwozd were authorized to attend the AUMA President's Summit on Municipal Finances later this month in Edmonton.

Rapid Attack

A request from the Elk Point Fire Department to replace the Rapid Attack fire truck was brought to council, after discussions at the joint meeting with county council. The Rapid Attack is a county vehicle, but it was reasoned that funds from the town's Rescue Van reserves could be used, since the rescue

van is not scheduled for replacement in the near future. The funds could be recouped by replacing the county pump-truck with Ashmont's, as that department is getting a new one, and selling the one currently in Elk Point, and from the funds received annually from highway calls the department attends, along with \$25,000 each year from the county's \$136,000 allocation to the Elk Point department. Mayor Young said that a formal commitment by the county is needed to repay the funds taken from the reserves prior to the time when the rescue van needs to be replaced.

ACP Grants

With an earlier resolution rescinded, council approved a partnership with the County of St. Paul on an Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant to complete detailed engineering storm-water pre-designs and an implementation strategy, with the county as the managing partner, and that the town partner with the county on an ACP Grant to complete a Regional Economic Growth Strategy, with the town as the managing partner.

Backhoe

Council approved the sale of the 2014 JCB backhoe for \$35,000, with the new backhoe scheduled to arrive on Wednesday.

Enforcement order

A business operating without a development permit, building permit or business license still has time to get the paperwork in order before a caveat is registered on the title of the property. Town staff has spoken with both the landowner and the tenant, and the town's lawyer has reviewed the matter. The development permit is needed because the proposed use is different

than was previously in the location, but a building permit may or may not be required. A business license is also required.

Alberta Fisheries presentation

Open house sessions hosted by Alberta Environment and Parks regarding expanding sustainable fishing opportunities in the province are being held in Lac La Biche, St. Paul and Cold Lake in the coming weeks, with a total of 11 events across the province. Coun. Tim Smereka and Deputy Mayor Hampson were authorized to attend the Cold Lake session, as the St. Paul session will coincide with the Jan. 27 council meeting.

Trail maintenance grant

Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich learned at the North East Municipality meeting that a grant for trail maintenance could be available from the Trans Canada Trail. He will check with Marvin Bjornstad of the Riverland Recreational Trail Society to see if that group plans to apply, with council suggesting that upgrades to the loading ramp at the staging area would be a good project.

EDC funding

Elk Point's Economic Development Committee has requested that the town's business license fees be allocated to their use, however council passed a motion that the town contribute \$5,000 from the license, and that the county be requested to match that amount.

Recreation Board

Town council has agreed to have a County of St. Paul representative on the Recreation Board, with the county to be advised of their decision.

Elk Point & District Ag. Society Annual General Meeting

7 pm, Monday, Feb. 3, 2020

Horizon Room, A.G. Ross Arena
Contact: Margaret 780-210-0518 or
margaretbayduza@gmail.com

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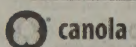
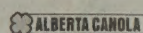
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We thank all those applicants who have shown an interest in this position, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Malanka Showcase

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HUTZUL STEPS - Emily Hammond keeps a close eye on brother Jack, Anton Bezpachuk, Travis Petruk and Colton Scott in their Junior number.

Vicki Brooker photo



POLISSIAN TANETS - The energetic moves of the beautifully costumed Senior group opened the Malanka Showcase in style.

Vicki Brooker photo

Senior dancers Shaylyn Klatt, Avery Smereka, Rylee Verenka, Charlie Rogal, Mykaela Verenka, Hank Rogal and Rhianna Bjorkman were first in the spotlight, with their beautiful Polissian Tanets showing their many years of practice. Junior dancers Jack Hammond, Anton Bezpachuk, Emily Hammond, Travis Petruk and Colton Scott came next with their Hutzul Steps, another traditional dance reflecting life in the

mountains of the Ukraine.

Three tiny beginners, Aiden Barstad, Walker Phillips and Jasmine Merkel, were led through their Poltava number by senior Shaylyn Klatt, drawing appreciative and supportive applause for their first-ever performance.

From the youngest dancers, the spotlight moved to Hank Rogal, who will graduate this year, and who performed an energetic Bukovyna solo for the



TRANSCARPATHIAN TRADITIONS - were showcased by the Intermediate dancers.

Vicki Brooker photo



SWIRLING SKIRTS - of barefoot gypsy girls Mykaela Verenka and Rhianna Bjorkman kept pace with the measured steps of Charlie and Hank Rogal in the Gypsy Dance.

Vicki Brooker photo

crowd.

The senior girls were next on stage, with an exciting and colourful Poltava Tambourine dance, before the Intermediate group, made up of Brenden Scott, Jacob Petruk, Kennady Pierce, Shyanne Klatt and Hadley Smereka performed their dance from the Transcarpathian region.

Four senior dancers, Mykaela Verenka, Rhianna Bjorkman and brothers Charlie and Hank Rogal, wound up the showcase with the whirling skirts and rapid rhythms of the Roma Gypsy Dance as a thrilling conclusion.

All dancers then came on stage, joined by a representative from each table to join Marushka in a lighthearted version of "Eleven Days From Christmas," a song that was also used earlier in the evening to determine the supper lineup. A Zabava dance wound up the Ukrainian New Year's celebration.

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As the ideal candidate, you will have:

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It is sad to see that our efforts and those of others have created such a glut on the market that plastics can no longer be taken to recycle, not only here but in other communities, where some of us took them prior to Elk Point having a plastics bin.

It is scary to think that the same thing could happen to cardboard or newspaper in the future, as we have heard that the price offered for cardboard has dropped substantially and it could be unfeasible to recycle it in the future - a huge step back in our efforts to be eco friendly.

RECREATION CORNER

Canada Day 2020!!

CRISTIN TCHIR
Recreation Director

This year's Canada Day planning is well under way. We have our main stage entertainer, activities and fireworks booked; we also have a general idea what that day will look like. I'm forecasting 24 degrees and partly cloudy. If anyone remembers last year, we had torrential rains/winds and it was freezing! OK, maybe it was not that bad, but it was the worst weather for Canada Day that I can remember. This year we are holding onto the hope the weather will cooperate and we can host all activities and events outdoors.

Remember the Hi Striker (strength tester where you hit the base with a hammer to ring the bell at the top) from last year? It was a huge hit! We are currently in the process of purchasing one for the town and are seeking donations from different groups/businesses. The Hi Striker cost is around \$2,800.00, and the rental for it was around \$475. The cost benefit of owning it outweighs renting it every year, so we as a committee decided that it is a popular carnival game that have proven the test of time, and is worth purchasing for not only future Canada Day Celebrations, but for other groups to use at their events.

We are always in need of volunteers. It is ideal to have a lot of people at these committee meetings; everyone has different invaluable input. If you're looking for a to volunteer or contribute in any way, feel free to contact me at recreation@elkpoint.ca or call the town office 780-724-3810.

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Pilot project, deep flurries, parking bylaw

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Alberta Energy and Resources Conservation Board members joined Amoco Canada Petroleum personnel, concerned landowners, representatives of Elk Point Surface Rights Association, town and county councils, the Elk Point Community Impact Assessment Study Committee and Westmin Resources for a tour of the oil patch, taking a firsthand look at the proposed site of Amoco's pilot project.

1990

Building permits were few and far between in 1989, but development officer Pat Vincent had hopes for better things to come, noting that he had already issued permits for two new homes that month, double the new home statistics for the previous year.

1995

Heinsburg was surprised by forecasted "overnight snow flurries" that added up to 18 inches of the white stuff by 10:30 a.m. the next morning, closing the school, puzzling at least one teacher, who lived some distance away on the fringe of the storm and got minimal snowfall, and with lifelong resident Hazel Jenner saying this was the greatest amount in a single snowfall she had ever seen in the area. F. G. Miller High School's Education Support Council studied a draft of roles and responsibilities proposed for that body, including planning, developing and delivering programs, budgeting and allocating resources, communications and community relations.

2000

Town council studied a draft of their updated traffic bylaw, which included parking for big trucks, truck routes and even the prohibition of hoofed animals traveling on sidewalks, but allowed bicycles to do so,

provided they gave the right-of-way to pedestrians. Elk Point Community Advisory Policing Committee had eight individuals on the list of potential Citizens on Patrol, and were looking for another four or more before the Feb. 9 COPS organizational meeting.

2005

A magical goat, an indulgent Baba and Gido and three little devils applauded the Cossack dance of a delightful young demon in the conclusion of the Malanka story as the Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club celebrated another New Year with vim and vigor. Town council approved the terms of reference and constitution of the Elk Point Community Foundation, and appointed Coun. Thomas Kondla to represent council, Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich to represent the recreation committee and town manager Myron Goyan to represent administration on the board.

2010

Lac La Biche - St. Paul MLA Ray Danyluk was named Minister of Infrastructure and said he was looking forward to the challenges of his new job, noting that infrastructure helps to keep people working and "support for infrastructure keeps the economy of the province going." Elk Point Community Advisory Policing Committee reviewed the town's new Public Harassment and Curfew Bylaw, which made it illegal to throw or project objects in a manner dangerous to the public, to participate in a physical confrontation in a public place or to harass any individual under the age of 18.

2015

Elk Point's 2015 water rates were at the top of town council's agenda as they studied the rates for water, sewer and garbage disposal charged by six other towns as well as 17 possible scenarios that would cover the cost of providing water to Elk Point homes and businesses.

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New cold weather bus policy

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Following a stretch of extremely cold weather last week, St. Paul Education Regional Division board of trustees agreed to move forward with changing a piece of its busing policy that will sometimes see buses running in the afternoon despite being cancelled in the morning.

Last week, buses were cancelled for three days in a row due to temperatures in the -40C range. On Jan. 10, buses were also cancelled due to cold weather in the morning.

While last week's stretch saw temperatures mostly remain in the -40C range throughout the day, the weather on Jan. 10 was a bit different. The temperature dipped below -40C in the morning, but warmed a bit through the day. It's situations like the one experienced on Jan. 10 that brought about a request to change how things are done.

The board brought the idea forward to administration to look into the possibility of running school buses in the afternoons on days they don't run in the morning due to extreme cold.

The overall goal would be more kids in the classroom, but the change would also offer parents, specifically those who work during the day, more flexibility. Many parents may be able to drive their children to school in the morning when buses are cancelled, but can't leave work early to pick them up, for example.

After receiving the suggestion from the board, Superintendent Glen Brodziak said he approached bus drivers and school administrators with the idea.

"Communication is going to be very important," said Brodziak, noting he

would be moving forward with the policy change.

Trustee Dwight Wiebe agreed, saying it would have to be clear when an announcement is initially made if buses are canceled in the morning but running in the afternoon.

Brodziak noted that it would be especially important at elementary schools that regular after-school routines are followed when buses are cancelled in the morning, but running in the afternoon.

Decisions about busing would still be made by on a site-by-site basis, since sometimes there can be varying temperatures throughout the division.

In to SPERD's inclement weather policy, buses are cancelled when the "feels like" temperature on the Weather Network dips below -40C.

"This change of practice is only for temperature that we can predict," said Brodziak, with he added, that there are "lots of decision makers" involved in bus cancellations due to inclement weather, which of course includes bus drivers themselves.

When considering the school calendar, the division builds in a certain number of days for inclement weather, but last week's cold stretch used up a number of those days, said Chair Heather Starosielski. She said she felt moving forward with the policy change was "great news" and that "every minute (in the classroom) is valuable."

Brodziak said he felt the change of practice would be a "win-win" and extra-curricular activities would still run on a case-by-case basis when the weather is a factor.

The superintendent hopes to have a new policy ready soon and that it would be implemented as soon as possible.

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January 14, 2020 Council Meeting

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Property Tax Penalty - Just a reminder that a 10% penalty will be applied to all outstanding property taxes on February 1. Any tax inquiries or change of address can be forwarded to tax@county.stpaul.ab.ca.

Volunteer Income Tax Program - The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS partnered with Canada Revenue Agency is offering the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program for low income residents within the County of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point. Trained volunteers will complete income tax returns free of charge. Beginning March 1, residents qualifying for this service can drop off their taxes at the County Office or Elk Point FCSS office during business hours. Volunteers will be also be at the following locations to complete income tax returns for residents who qualify -

- March 9 from 10-12 in Mallaig
- March 10 from 9-1 in Elk Point
- March 11 from 9-1 in Ashmont
- March 25 from 9-1 at Sunnyside Manor

Crime Map - The St. Paul RCMP Detachment actively tracks public crime. They have created a Crime Map which provides information on where rural crime is taking place within the St. Paul Detachment. The Crime Map can be viewed on the County Website at <https://www.county.stpaul.ab.ca/news/wheres-the-crime-in-the-county/>.

4th Quarter Strategic Plan - Council approved the fourth quarter of the 2019 Strategic Plan which can be viewed on the County website under Governance.

Fuel Tender - Council received 5 tenders for the supply and delivery of fuel products for 2020 and 2021. Following a complete evaluation, the tender was awarded to Cornerstone Coop.

Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant - The County will be partnering with the Town of Elk Point, the Town of St. Paul and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay for ACP Grant applications for a detailed engineering stormwater pre-design and implementation strategy in each area. The County will also be partnering with the Town of Elk Point for a grant application for funding to complete an Area Structure Plan and Utility Analysis.

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Broncos edge out Elks in nailbiter

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Elks hosted the Meadow Lake Broncos in their final home game of the SaskAlta Hockey League's 2019-2020 regular season, with exciting and hard-fought action that kept the crowd on the edge of their seats right up to the final buzzer.

Dillon Kalinski opened the scoring for the Elks one minute and four seconds into the game off a pass from Christian Nypower, with the Broncos replying just under three minutes later, for a tie that lasted until only 26 seconds remained in the period, when another goal gave the visitors the lead.

The Broncos added another goal five minutes into the second frame, with Myles Whitford replying, assisted by Nypower and Jean-Guy Boisvert, Whitford adding his second of the evening less than four minutes later in response to another Broncos goal, this time with assists from Nypower and Jason Kalynchuk. Two more Meadow Lake goals widened the gap before Boisvert, assisted by Whitford, scored for the Elks in the final minute of the period, narrowing the gap to 6-4 in the Broncos' favor.

Two fast goals, an unassisted slammer by Nypower 10 seconds into the third period and Kalinski's second



ELKS STORM BRONCOS GOAL - Jean-Guy Boisvert (17) and Myles Whitford (7) brought the Elks one goal closer with 27 seconds left in the second period of Saturday's game.

Vicki Brooker photo

of the game, assisted by Curtis Witney and Aaron Gagne a minute and a half later, evened the score a minute and a half later. The Broncos would score two more in the first half of the period, before Whitford scored his hat trick goal with assists from Nypower and Boisvert, Witney adding the Elks' eighth goal of the game assisted by Morgan Greve to tie the score

again with 5:38 left on the clock. That goal sparked an all-out effort by both teams that ended with a Broncos goal with 45 seconds left in regulation time, and the Elks unable to force the game into overtime.

The regular season for all teams in the league wraps up this weekend, with the Elks heading to Wainwright on Friday to take on the Rustlers at 8:30 p.m.

From the Hack



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission
Hauling Leachate

SEALED TENDERS, clearly marked "Hauling Leachate", will be received until 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 31, 2020 at the scale house of Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission at the following address:

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Paul Poulin Manager

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JOANNE WARAWA
Elk Point Curling Club

For the first time in quite a few years, we had to cancel curling last week due to the extremely cold temperatures.

A team from our juniors did venture off to Marwayne though for a bonspiel on Friday and Saturday. They fared well against teams a little older than them and had another weekend of fun and learning. Elizabeth Smith joined a team of three from Marwayne as their skip and Dason Pinder, Kaylee Skolarchuk, Jessica Smith and Cassie O'Reilly made up the other team.

Our mixed league team of the week is the Sakowsky rink skipped by Kyle Sakowsky, third Stacy Rybchinsky, second Kim Wallington and lead Tara



TEAM OF THE WEEK - Left to right: Stacy Rybchinsky, Kim Wallington, Tara Rybchinsky, Kyle Sakowsky.

Joanne Warawa photo

Rybchinsky. This team's been curling for quite a few years now, and are always a fun team to play against. I wouldn't be surprised to see them move up the standings in the last half of the season.

Storytime delayed a week

ELK POINT MUNICIPAL LIBRARY
Review Contributor

Sorry for the change of date, but the first session of our new Storytime program has been delayed for one

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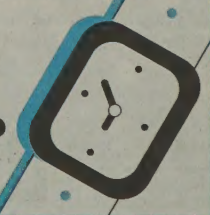
The weather has finally turned around, and the twice-postponed Library Tea will go tomorrow, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m. See you there!

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 Gwen**

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 76 years. She is survived by
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 (Terry) Gusnowski, Karen
 van Roijen, Daryl (Wendy)
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 Rhonda (Kelly) Stuparyk;
 13 grandchildren, Ryan
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 10 great-grandchildren; 2
 sisters, Jeanna Walker &
 Ann Culford; brother, Robert
 (Lynn) Walker; numerous
 nieces & nephews. Mrs. Behr
 was predeceased by her
 husband, Vincent; parents,
 George & Mona Walker. A
 Mass of Christian Burial
 will be held on Saturday,
 January 25 at 1:00 p.m. at
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OBITUARY
**Anne McAuley
 (Zarowny)**

June 11, 1926 – January 12, 2020



If you are about to recycle a Kleenex box top - stop! Anne would want you to use the back side for your grocery or to-do list first.

On Sunday, January 12, 2020 Anne was re-united with her husband and favourite dance partner Leo John McAuley. She died of pancreatic cancer, peacefully at the Stratford Rotary Hospice surrounded with love. Anne was 93.

Born June 11, 1926 to Petro Zarowny and Mary Zazulak, Anne was the youngest of six children. She grew up on a farm in Elk Point, Alberta, excelled at math, and graduated from King George School with honours.

In 1944 at age 18, Anne set out on her own. She found work at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta and enjoyed the big city. Then she got the offer of a lifetime, an opportunity to work at Great Slave Lake Hospital in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. She jumped at the chance, packed her bags, and took the first flight of her life.

In 1949, Anne travelled cross country by train to Hamilton, Ontario to visit a cousin. There she found a career at the Westinghouse where she built motors and friendships that lasted a lifetime.

Anne loved to dance and met her husband at the Rose Dance Hall in Hamilton. He walked over, sat down at her booth, and started flirting... right in front of her date. Leo stayed all night and from that day on, he did the same thing every time he saw her. He was smitten and she wasn't sure what to think. But, two years later Leo's tenacity paid off and they married in 1951.

Together, Leo and Anne set out on many adventures travelling across Canada and the United States. They lived in Hamilton, Waterloo, Napanee, and Hilton before settling in Brighton, Ontario.

Anne kept an immaculate home, made delicious pierogies, and never met a shirt she did not iron. She was a disciple of Heloise, often seen riding her lawn tractor, with bounce sheets pinned to her blouse to ward off mosquitoes.

Anne's mischievous and sometimes outrageous sense of humour was legendary. She hung an almost naked Jose Bautista photo in her retirement home closet claiming it was scandalous, then, left the door open constantly to show off his buns.

She was a skilled cribbage player, avid fan of the Blue Jays (both the baseball team and the bird), enjoyed sharing a good joke, playing the slots and the thrill of yelling "bingo"! But nothing brought Anne more joy than her grand-daughters Kirsten and Hayley - both genuine squirts of sunshine.

Anne loved "The Price is Right", "Jeopardy", and "Wheel of Fortune" and thought Pat Sajak was a stand-up guy for keeping Vanna White by his side.

For those that admired Anne's hair, and there were many ... the secret was Fanci-Full #42 Silver Lining mousse. It gently tinted her locks the slightest shade of purple and kept the curl bouncing back for days.

Pre-deceased by her loving husband Leo John McAuley, son Peter James, parents and siblings Jack (Pearl), Josephine (Jack Osolinsky), Anton (Phyllis) and Mike.

Anne leaves behind her sister Pauline Bodner (Abbotsford, BC), son Daniel (Sebringville, ON), daughter Sandra and son-in-law Steven Drake (Stratford, ON), grand-daughters Kirsten and Hayley, their mother, Jennifer Bell (Stratford, ON), many nieces, nephews, and her fierce, fabulous friends.

Special thanks to her extended family at Anne Hathaway Retirement Residence, the care teams at Stratford General Hospital, the Centre for Liver and Pancreas Cancer at London Health Sciences Hospital and surgeon Dr. Jeffrey Hawel. You all moved mountains for our mother.

As a family we will forever be grateful to the entire team at Stratford Rotary Hospice. Thank you for helping Anne navigate her final journey with compassion and dignity. You treated our mother like your own and took care of us along the way.

A graveside service will take place on June 11, 2020 - it would have been Anne's 94th birthday. She thought everyone would already be sad, so it would be a good excuse to get a day off work.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted for the Stratford Rotary Hospice and Canadian Cancer Society.

Please take a moment to share your memories of Anne with us on-line at wgyoungfuneralhome.com.

Novice Avalanche host four-on-four tourney

If the hockey players keep getting bigger and bigger and more skilled, four-on-four hockey may be the way of the future one day in the NHL. The Novice hockey teams are already way ahead

of the curve. Half ice and four-on-four hockey was implemented last year and it sure seems to be working really well. This past Saturday, the Novice Avalanche hosted their home tournament with eight teams from out of town coming plus the host. Non-stop action and the concession was crazy busy. Cutting the ice surface in half with the new short boards allowed two games to happen at once, four teams on the ice playing two 24-minute periods. Both teams would share a bench, one team going out one door and the other team going out the opposite door. Every minute and a half the horn would blow and the teams would change on the fly.

The Avalanche played St. Paul Canadiens in the first game, Jaxon 'Magic' Marcoux, 'Jesse James' Penner, 'Billy Bob' Ballas and 'Major Tom' Melnyk scoring. Goaltender Theo 'Long Horn' Loughran was awarded the Heart and Hustle for the game.

Their second game was against the Two Hills Eagles. Five goals each for 'Billy Bob' and 'Magic', a hat trick for 'Long Horn', Hudson 'Hammer' Krankowsky scoring his first goal of the year, then adding another. 'Jesse James' with one goal, Avree 'the Aggressor' Lesyk with a goal, Ava 'Little Angel' Rawlake with the assist, Ryder 'Rhino'

Malo also with an assist and Hudson 'Hammer' Krankowsky receiving the Heart and Hustle award.

In their third game they played the Cold Lake Warriors. 'Jesse James' with seven goals, five goals for 'Billy Bob', a hat trick for 'Magic', 'Hammer' and 'Major Tom' with one each, 'Little Angel' with two assists, 'The Aggressor' receiving the Heart and Hustle.

In their final game they played the Marwayne Sled Dogs. Sharp shooter 'Jesse James' hitting the target with six goals, a hat trick for 'Rhino', the 'Hammer' and 'Billy Bob' with two goals, 'Magic' and 'Long Horn' with one, and two assists for 'Aggressor', the Heart and Hustle award going to 'Magic'.

Hats off to all the parents and coaching staff for organizing and hosting such a terrific tournament.

The Bantam Avalanche rolled into the Border City on Saturday afternoon, picking up another two points in a big win over the Blazers. 'Mick Jager' Fontaine with five goals and one assist, two goals each for 'Wild Man' Wyatt Pavoll and Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman, 'the Machine' adding an assist. Defenseman 'Saint Nic' Penner with a goal and two assists, D-man Landon 'the Magnificent' Malachowski and Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron with one goal each. Five assists for Cea Jay 'Quick Draw' Quinney, Seth 'Motor Man' Morton with one. Goaltender Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk pick-



ELK POINT NOVICE AVALANCHE - hosted a successful eight-team, four-on-four tournament this weekend at the A. G. Ross Arena.

Photo submitted

ing up his fifth shut out of the year.

If the Pee wee Avalanche had ever needed a reality check, they just got it this past weekend. The Pee wees have had a decent year, sitting somewhere in the middle of the North East Alberta Tier Three Pee wee league. They should make the playoffs. But sometimes you need to play other teams and see just where you stand overall. But be careful what you ask for. It can be painful at times. The Pee wee Avalanche travelled to Lamont/Bruderheim, playing in a tier two and three tournament and meeting some very tough tier two teams. This was a great learning experience for them, playing teams they have never seen before.

The first game was fine against Thorsby Friday night., the Avalanche winning 6 to 5. Two goals for Evett 'Snoop Dog' Smereka, singles for 'Top Gunner' Crawford, Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans Anderson, Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamand and Spenser 'Goldie Locks' Malachowski. Two assists for Timmy 'Freight Train' Cardinal, Gavin 'Green Light' Kadutski, 'Cyclone Cole' Pierce and Ella 'Stellar' Ballas with one assist each.

Saturday was an eye opener for the Avalanche when they met up with two very strong teams, Rocky Mountain House and Grande Prairie. Both of these teams obviously have been playing at the top of the tier two. The Avalanche got very few shots on goal, but Avalanche goalie 'Goodyear Charlie' Lesyk was getting a good workout. 'Top Gunner' scoring the only goal for the Avalanche, assisted by 'Green Light' and 'Stellar'. On Sunday in the final game, the Avalanche battled really hard right to the final buzzer against Hinton. They did not win, losing 9 to 4, but still came home knowing they didn't just throw in the towel. 'Top Gunner' with two goals and an assist, Madden 'Mad Dog' Flamand and 'Green Light' with the other goals, two assists for 'Formula One' and one assist for 'Stellar'.

Happy birthday going out to a former Avalanche coach and one of the best minor hockey players in Elk Point that I have ever watched, Tyson Stafford.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "You just keep shooting and sometimes they go in and sometimes they don't." - Bill Flett

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